

XII.—*Obituary.*—DR. BROWN GOODE and AUGUSTE SALLÉ.

DR. BROWN GOODE, whose unexpected death at the early age of 45 years, his many friends in Europe will have heard of with great regret, was not, strictly speaking, an ornithologist. But as for the last nine years he had been, in the execution of his office of assistant-secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, in charge of the National Museum of the U. S. at Washington, and was unfailing in promoting the progress and improvement of the great collection of birds which it contains, some few lines in 'The Ibis' may well be devoted to his memory. Dr. Brown Goode, who was born in the State of Indiana in 1851, and graduated in 1870 at the Wesleyan University of Middletown, Connecticut, joined the U. S. Fish Commission, first as a volunteer under Professor Baird, and subsequently became one of its officials. Under such circumstances he naturally devoted himself chiefly to ichthyology, and was the author of several excellent publications on Fishes and Fisheries. He was also U. S. Commissioner to the Fisheries Exhibition at Berlin in 1880, and at London in 1883, on which latter occasion several of us had the pleasure of making his personal acquaintance. Recently, in connection with his office as head of the U. S. National Museum, which he assumed in 1888, he devoted much of his time and talents to the study of the principles of museum administration, and on this subject prepared an excellent memoir, which has been reprinted from the Annual Report of the Museums Association for 1895\*. In the course of this essay he points out that the degree of civilization to which any nation has attained is best shown by the character of its public museums and the liberality with which they are maintained. To borrow the words of one of our contemporaries, Dr. Brown Goode "combined in a rare degree administrative ability with talent as a scientific investigator, while a charming personality smoothed his way to success."

AUGUSTE SALLÉ.—The name of Auguste Sallé, naturalist and traveller, should have been included in our obituary for

\* 'The Principles of Museum Administration.' By G. Brown Goode, M.A., LL.D. York: 1895.

1896, but our notice of him has been unavoidably delayed. He died at his residence in Paris (13 Rue Guy-de-la-Brosse) on the 5th of May last, in the 76th year of his age. Sallé was primarily an entomologist, and accumulated an excellent series of Central-American Coleoptera, which were eventually transferred to Messrs. Salvin and Godman, and formed part of the materials for the 'Biologia Centrali-Americana.' But Sallé was also a diligent collector of birds, and made excellent skins. In 1849 he visited San Dómingo, and obtained a series of birds which were described by Selater (P. Z. S. 1857, p. 230), with Sallé's field-notes appended. The principal and last expedition of Sallé was that made to Mexico, 1854-56, in company with Mr. A. Boucard, the well-known naturalist. He then explored the States of Vera Cruz and Puebla, chiefly the former. A Mexican friend and correspondent (M. José Pieta) put his hacienda of Tospam, near Cordoba, at Sallé's disposal. It was there that most of the collections were made. Several expeditions were carried out from Tospam to Jalapa, to the Volcan de Orizaba, to San Andres Chalchicomula, and to other places, and many were the new species of Land-shells, Insects, Reptiles, Fishes, Birds, and Mammals discovered during these collecting tours.

The birds obtained on this occasion were mostly determined and described by Selater\*.

The following birds'-names commemorate some of the discoveries of Auguste Sallé :—*Phaethornis augusti* (Bourc.), 1847 ; *Crypturus sallæi* (Bp.), 1856 ; *Granatellus sallæi*, ScL., 1856 ; *Chrysotis sallæi*, ScL., 1857 ; and *Cyrtonyx sallæi*, Verr., 1859.

Sallé, who was personally well known to many of us, was most genial and obliging in his disposition, and always ready to help his English friends. He spoke our language excellently, and was also a good Spanish scholar.

\* See "Catalogue of Birds collected by M. Auguste Sallé in Southern Mexico, with Descriptions of new Species" (P. Z. S. 1856, p. 283); and "List of Additional Species of Mexican Birds obtained by M. Auguste Sallé from the environs of Jalapa and S. Andres Tuxtla" (P. Z. S. 1857, p. 201).